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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8636

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, VE

SUBJ: BOEING JETFOIL ACCIDENT

REF: STATE 175170

1. ACCIDENT REPORT BY BOEING (REFTEL) IS CORRECT.
JETFOIL STRUCK UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT 25 MILES OFF PUERTO LA CRUZ
ENROUTE TO MARGARITA ISLAND. ONE STEWARDESS SUFFERED SKULL
FRACTURE AND DIED IN HOSPITAL, THREE PASSENGERS HURT SLIGHTLY.
JETFOIL WAS TOWED TO CUMANA FOR REPAIRS. REPORTEDLY, ONE
STRUT BENT, DAMAGE TO HYDRAULICS, SMALL HULL PUNCTURE.
2. CAPTAIN OF VESSEL HAS STATED THAT SHIP STRUCK WHALE.
OPERATOR, TURISMO MARGARITA, STATES THAT CAUSE OF ACCIDENT OR
IDENTITY OF OBJECT STRUCK CANNOT BE DETERMINED WITH ANY DEGREE
OF CERTAINTY UNTIL THE VESSEL IS DRYDOCKED. OPERATORS APPARENTLY
DOUBT OBJECT STRUCK WAS A WHALE.
3. ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED IDEPENDENTLY
BY THE OPERATOR, THE PORT CAPTAINCY, AND BY THE INSURANCE
UNDERWRITERS. THE RESULTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTORATE
OF MERCHANT MARINE. BASED ON EMBASSY CONTACT, THIS GOV AGENCY
SEEMS TO ALREADY HAVE ACCEPTED THE WHALE STORY, AND HAS IN-
FORMED EMBASSY THAT INVESTIGATION WILL ONLY BE A FORMALITY.

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4. TURISMO MARGARITA HAS BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH BOEING
SINCE THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED
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